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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
APO 74, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**



REPLY TO:
ATTN OF: 13COI-H

13 December 1962

SUBJECT: Documentation of Cuban Contingency

TO: Chief
Historical Division
Office of Information
PACAF

Attn: PFOOI-H

Reference Msg, AFCHO 1884/62, subj: Documentation of Current Contingency, 24 Nov 1962, and Ltr, PFOOI-H, subj: Cuban Crisis Chronologies, 26 Nov 1962, the following data is submitted for this command:

a. Summary of the Cuban Crisis, Period 1 April - 13 October 1962:

During the early phases of the Soviet-Cuban military episode, the 13th Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence (DCS/I) provided the Commander, his staff, subordinate units, and other concerned agencies with significant items on Cuba when the events were not overshadowed by crucial developments in the normal sphere of 13th Air Force activity—Southeast Asia. The necessity for unusual dissemination by the DCS/I was reduced by the substantial flow of Cuban intelligence available to military personnel in newspapers as soon as it reached this command through military channels.

b. Chronology of the Cuban Crisis, Period 14 October-21 November 1962:

COMMAND AND CONTROL

23 October

DEFCON 3 was established by JCS at 2300Z. Subordinate units were instructed to assume the readiness posture and report when the status was achieved.

The 13th Air Task Force (P), APO 63, increased manning of its Command Post from the normal 8-hours to a 24-hour alert.

OPERATIONAL PLANNING

23 October

The staff at Hqs, 13th Air Force, and at all subordinate units, met to review actions required under contingency and war plans.

At Hqs, 6214th Air Base Group, APO 140, the Evacuation Plan was revised and dependent evacuation kits prepared for immediate distribution. Support effort for the locally-based Detachment 1, 405th Fighter Wing, was intensified.

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COMBAT FORCES

23 October

(b) Defensive forces attained DEFCON 3 status at 0001Z. The number of interceptors on alert was increased from 2 on 5-minute, 2 on 30-minute, and 6 on 1-hour alert, to 4 on 5-minute, 4 on 30-minute, and all others on 1-hour alert. (This status was maintained until DEFCON 4 was declared at 0640Z on 28 November 1962.)

(b) Offensive forces attained the new Single Integrated Operating Procedure (SIOP) posture at 0130Z. Flyable alert aircraft were loaded, manned and placed on ground alert (quick-strike) status.

1 November

(b) Hqs, PACAF relieved this command of maintaining flyable aircraft on ground alert status and routine training was resumed.

28 November

(b) DEFCON 4 was declared in effect at 0640Z.

RECONNAISSANCE AND INTELLIGENCE

20 October

(b) The world-wide intelligence system declared an increased "Indications Alert Status" for any awareness of Communist movements and developments directly related, but not confined to, the Cuban crisis.

23 October

(b) The DCS/I augmented the night duty staff to provide increased intelligence watch for analysis and reporting purposes. Publication of a special Daily Intelligence Summary (DISUM) began.

(b) Reconnaissance forces in Southeast Asia continued special missions directed by the Commander, 13th Air Force, and COMUSMACV.

14 November

(b) The non-duty augmentation watch schedule of the DCS/I, Hqs 13th Air Force, was normalized.

27 November

(b) The special DISUM published daily at 0400Z was discontinued and all intelligence activities returned to normal.

AIRLIFT23 October

(5) Close surveillance began of all airlift passing through the 13th Air Force area so that the Commander would have first-hand knowledge of available airlift in the event the situation deteriorated.

PERSONNEL23 October

(6) Hqs, PACAF advised of personnel required to bring this command to 100 percent manning status, as prescribed by the 13PDC DEFCON Checklist. (Atch 1.)

26 October

(7) Initial Personnel Status Report (PERSTAT) submitted to Hqs, PACAF. (Atch 2.)

LOGISTICS

Negative.

BUDGETNegative.
Marvin Hintz

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Command Historian

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1-13PDC DEFCON Checklist
2-13PDC/PPL/10-955A Msg

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MEMORANDUM FOR: BPPPL

26 Oct 62

In compliance with instructions contained in 13PDC-BEFOON Checklist, the following action has been taken by 13PMP. Message forwarded to HQ PACAF 23 Oct 62 advising that HQ of personnel shortage required to bring this command to 100% strength. Figures forwarded were as follows:

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27190	4	3
273X0A	195	170
291X0	6	1
29390	8	5
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REPORT AS OF 2400Z, 24 OCT 62. MESSAGE IS SIX PARTS. PART I.
AIR PERSONNEL DEPICTURES. S/GEN STEPHEN D. MELROSE, DEPUTY
COMDR, 13TH AF, TUY JTF 116, THAILAND. PART II. MISSING
DEPICTURES:

OPT	AUTH	ASGD	SHORTAGE
STAT/SV	1744A	98	93
INSTAL	273X04	195	178
CAS	322208	15	12
	322210	2	0
IA	32221H	6	2
NFC/SV	322290	2	1
ASP	423824	27	14
PM	438X0	11	7
SAFETY	64770	56	33

MANAGER WAKE HAWAII Current Plans/PER

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PART III. NEGATIVEZ CASUALTIES. PART IV. BOY COMBATANTS: NO ACTION EXCEPT REVIEW OF PROCEDURES. PART V. COMMANDER'S COMMENTS NONE. PART VI. THIS PERSTAT REPORT FOLLOWING PACAF OPLAN 100-62 OUTLINE DUE TO LACK OF GUIDANCE AND NON RECEIPT OF XIR MESSAGE PFPPL 305K.

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